

REMARKS

In response to Final Office Action, dated November 3, 2005 and the Advisory Action, dated January 9, 2006, applicant submits amendments to the claims and respectfully requests continued examination of the instant patent application. .

Claims 1, 8 – 10, 15, 18, and 19 have been amended. Claim 3 have been cancelled. No new matter has been made.

Support for the amendments may be found at least on page 4, lines 13-15, which state "[t]he processor determines a correlation between the plurality of face features and the plurality of audio features."

With regard to the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Basu (USP no. 6,219,640), applicant respectfully submits that the claims as amended recites subject matter not disclosed by Basu.

Basu includes a confidence estimator that processes video and audio signals to determine those signals with the least noise and then combines the N best entities of each of the video and audio signals with a weighted average to determine a best-scoring combination.

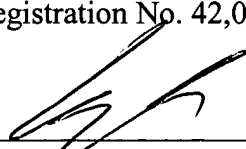
The final Office Action rejected claim 3 as being obvious over Basu in view of Nevenka. However, Basu provides no motivation to combine the teachings of Basu with that of Nevenka as Basu is limited to using the N best entities after noise determination processing.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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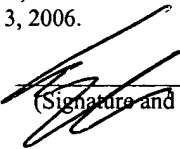

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